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BETTER THAN LAST YEAR.

The ginner's report shows that about 4,000 more bales of cotton were ginned in this county last year than this year.

With cotton selling around 12 cents, twice the amount that it brought last year, and the seed bringing a higher price than ever known, it is hard to figure out why there is not more money in circulation here now than there was in December last year, notwithstanding the pessimist's howls.

BIG HOLIDAY SEASON.

The great industrial revival that the papers speak of all over the country has not reached the retail trade in Columbus yet. The short cotton crop in Lowndes county has depressed business and caused people to put a check on their expenditures.

However, our banks are full of money and there is going to be a big holiday business. Our merchants are going to reap some of the prosperity that is abroad in the land in spite of the fact that our cotton crop is so short.

People will buy things for Christmas, and within the next few weeks trade is going to be good, and in order to find the best bargains the papers will be searched.

We propose to send our Christmas edition into many homes throughout this trading territory, so if you want your share of the trade don't fail to give us your advertisement for our big paper next Sunday, which will be a Christmas edition.

Don't wait until December 24th to decide just what you will fill the stocking with, but sit down and make the memorandum now of all you want, and shop early and avoid the rush.

Birmingham is having a family row over her Sunday "movies." A number of citizens have appealed to the city commission to stop the Sunday picture shows, while others claim it is a good thing and want it continued by all means.

Governor Brewer has named January 4 as the date for the holding of the special election to select a congressman for the Fifth district, recently made vacant by the death of Congressman Witherspoon. Much depends upon the character of the man chosen for this very responsible place, and it is to be hoped that the voters will be cautious and select a man who will stand by President Wilson and give him the proper democratic support.

BUY AT HOME.

Did you ever think of a town without merchants? Did you ever think about who sustains largely, Chambers of Commerce and public enterprises, generally, in town or city?

Did you ever think about who it is that thinks deepest and works hardest for the building of a town and community?

It is what we call business men, merchants, manufacturers and bankers, with the aid of the progressive newspapers, that build towns. Of course, professional men also aid, but the burden of town building and town sustaining by taxes, rests largely upon the shoulders of the business men. There is one way to strengthen the power of merchants and manufacturers and incidentally, of course, the bankers and cotton factors and hotels and professional men and give better places for the politicians, and that is to buy everything possible from the home merchant and manufacturer. "Buy it at home" is the fundamental principle of town building and no town will prosper as it should unless the idea is practiced by those who call the town home.—Greenville Democrat.

TRYING TO STOP THE ONE-CROP FOLLY.

A banker would not loan money on any project that did not hold reasonable promise of success. If he did, and to any great extent, he would not be a banker very long.

Why, therefore, should Southern bankers lend money to farmers who stick exclusively to the cotton crop, or to merchants who credit farmers who refuse to diversify their crops?

That momentous question will be the most important one for consideration at the meeting in New Orleans December 6 and 7, of the cotton states bankers. An effort will be made, and very probably it will be successful, to get the bankers to go on record as being opposed to the lending of money where an all-cotton crop is to be raised.

It will be disastrous to the South if the farmers next year plant a big cotton crop. It will be retrogression, because the prosperity of the Southern farmer, the future of the South's agricultural interests, and the betterment of the economic life of the South, depends largely upon successful diversification of crops.

The Southern farmer has received a good price for his cotton this year. The law of supply and demand fixed the price—and the supply of about 11,000,000 bales was not up to the demand. So pleased is the farmer that there is serious danger of his going back to an all-cotton crop, or at least to a larger proportion of cotton than this past year.

That movement should be stopped before it can reach fruition in any degree. It is up to the Southern banker, the Southern merchant, to stay the farmer's hand. It is easy enough. The farmer must have money—credit is as necessary to him as to any merchant. Let him understand that he will get his money—if he agrees to plant not over a certain acreage in cotton. And all the rest of his acreage—

Food stuffs! That is what the Southern farmer needs. Food stuffs.

With half the usual cotton crop at double the usual prices, and lots of food stuffs, the Southern farmer can laugh at war, at politicians, at "Wall Street," at legislatures and—at the boll weevil!—Birmingham Ledger.

Sensational Values in Tailor-Made Suits

AT

THE WOMAN'S STORE

Tomorrow, Monday morning, we place on Sale 25 new Wooltex tailored suits, \$25, \$27.50 and \$30 values go at the one

Price \$15.00

25 late style tailored suits, \$18, \$19.50, \$20 values go at the one

Price \$12.00

These are all this Season's styles, new and up-to-date, most of them have not been in stock more than ten days or two weeks. Even if you have already bought a suit this fall you can well afford another at these very low prices.

R. E. LEIGH

EXTENSION WORK

Communities: Rural Hill, Air Line, Mt. Vernon, Woodlawn, Lone Oak.

The work in all communities during the week was good. Rural Hill and Woodlawn led by a few points. Their preparedness and interest resulting in good work, secured for both a prize, a famous picture. Now there are two pictures to be shown.

The following subject matter was given: Home Science: Scrambled eggs; How to make a bed. Sight Singing: Kate and Christmas songs with scale building and reviews of theory. Manual Training: Pointers, wonder boxes, coat hangers. Millinery: Binding and covering the frames. Dress-making: Completion of sewing apron, review of stitches, discussion of materials used for underclothes. Art: Transference of stencil motif to paper and cloth. Gymnastics: First four steps of Hamburg Extension Drill, folk dances, Sir Roger de Coverly, Shoemakers, Norwegian, Mt. March, games, Carousal, Midnight, Jacob and Rachel, etc.

Throughout the week a lecture on hygiene has been given in each community. Directions concerning personal and community hygiene have been given. Various conditions have been discussed and considered. Home credit will be given in this field. All are urged to present slips for credit in these particulars.

Next week the lecture will be a nature study. One hundred slides of bird life will be shown in each community. A magnificent lantern has just been secured by the department and good results are expected. A few quilts will be needed in each locality to darken the room for the slides.

Lone Oak led in community interest. A magnificent crowd of eager people were present. Air Line led in perfection of form in the Hamburg drill; Rural Hill school in interest and sight-singing; Mt. Vernon in manual training and millinery, Woodlawn in general preparedness and splendid results.

Among the Churches.

SEVEN SENTENCE SERMONS.

Those who say they will forgive but can't forget an injury, simply bury the hatchet while they leave the handle out ready for immediate use.—Dwight L. Moody.

Trifles make perfection, but perfection is no trifle.—Michael Angelo.

Sitting down and whining never helps a bit; best way to get there is by keeping up your grit.—Louis E. Thayer.

When the fight begins with himself, the man's worth something.—Robert Browning.

Behold to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.—I. Sam., 15:22.

There are in this rude stunning tide Of human care and crime, With whom the melodies abide Of the evening chime.

Who carry music in their heart, Through dusty lanes and wrangling marts, Flying their daily toll with bustling feet.

Because their secret souls a holier strain repeat. —John Keble.

First Presbyterian.
Regular weekly worship.
Sunday school, 9:30 a. m. Warren M. Cox, superintendent; Prof. Vincent Frierson, assistant superintendent.

Meeting of Men's Brotherhood at 10 a. m. All men earnestly urged to be present.
Woman's Bible class, 10 a. m.
Meeting of Church Session to receive new members at 10:45 a. m.
Preaching, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.
The public cordially invited to attend all the services of this church.
R. B. EGGLESTON, Pastor.

Temple B'nai Israel.
Services every Friday night at 7:30.
MR. S. LOEB, Minister.

Church of Annunciation (Catholic.)
High mass and sermon every Sunday and holy day during the year, except on the fourth Sunday in the month, at 10 a. m.

At 3 p. m., on all Sundays except the fourth Sunday in the month, Catechetical instruction and at 4 p. m., rosary and benediction with the blessed sacrament.

Every morning in the week, holy mass at 8 o'clock.

FATHER YOERG, Priest.

BAPTIST.
First Baptist.
Sunday school this morning at 9:30 o'clock. Mr. E. C. Chapman, assistant superintendent.

Regular preaching services this morning at 11 o'clock and this evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Baraca class at 10 o'clock in the Baraca class rooms.

Regular weekly prayer meeting, Wednesday at 7:45 o'clock.

Young women's Missionary Society meets Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

Armstrong Society meets every first and third Tuesday at 4 o'clock.

Girls' Auxiliary meets every Wednesday afternoon.

J. L. VIPPERMAN, Pastor.

Second Baptist.
Sunday school, 10 a. m.

Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Young People's Union Sunday evening at 7 o'clock.

The Woman's Missionary Society meets every other Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

All are cordially invited to attend these services.

REV. W. I. ALLEN, Pastor.

Christian Church.
Bible school at 9:30 a. m.
Preaching, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.
Prayer meeting, Wednesday eve-

ning at 7:30.

Ladies' Aid will meet Tuesday of each week at 3:30 p. m.

The Christian Woman's Board of Missions will meet the first Friday of each month at 3:30 p. m.

All cordially invited to attend these services.

JOSEPH N. HARKER, Pastor.

METHODIST.

First Methodist.

Sunday school at 9:30 a. m., A. H. Pegues, superintendent.

Baraca class meets at 9:45. All of the men of the church urged to join this class.

There will be no services at this church today on account of the absence of the pastor.

The Woman's Missionary society will meet the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

The pastor's aid will meet regularly the afternoon of the first and third Tuesday of every month.

Prayer meeting, Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock instead of Thursday evening.

W. T. DUREN, Pastor.

Central Methodist.

Teachers' Council, 9:30 a. m.

Sunday school at 10 a. m., Mr. J. T. Clardy, superintendent.

Junior League at 2:30 p. m.; Senior League at 3:30 p. m.

Prayer meeting, Wednesday evening at 7:30.

All cordially invited to attend these services.

J. M. CARPENTER, Pastor.

St. Paul's Church (Episcopal.)

Holy communion, 7:30 a. m., except first Sunday.) First Sunday,

holy communion and sermon, 11 a. m.

Sunday school, 9:30 a. m., in the Parish House, Mr. E. R. Hopkins, superintendent.

Morning prayer and sermon, 11 a. m.

Evensong, 4:30 p. m.

Holy days there will be a celebration of the holy communion at 10 a. m. Litany every Wednesday at 10 a. m.

The Ladies' Aid meets on the first and third Wednesdays after Litany.

The Altar Guild on the second Wednesday after Litany.

The Woman's Auxiliary on the fourth Wednesday after Litany.

The Bible class meets every Friday in the Parish House at 4:30 p. m.

This church is open daily for private prayer and meditation from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m.

A cordial invitation is extended to all to come and worship with us.

REV. W. S. SLACK, Rector.

TRUSTEE'S SALE.

The State of Mississippi,

County of Lowndes.

By virtue of the power vested in me as Trustee in a certain Deed of Trust, made and delivered on the 14th day of August, 1914, by John Barber, to secure the payment to Columbus Undertaking Company, of certain indebtedness therein mentioned, record of which said Deed of Trust is made in the office of the Chancery Clerk of said County and State, in Deed Book, Numbered 99, Page 630, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the Court House door in the town of Columbus, said State and County, on the 27th day of December, 1915, within legal hours, the following property, to-wit:

One-fourth of an acre off of the extreme east side of Block Thirteen (13), in the town of Rough and Ready, on the west side of the north-east quarter of Section 22, T. 18, R. 18 W., being same land conveyed by Albert Pope to William Hendricks, also known as William Barber. See Deed Book 51, page 448.

The title to the above property believed to be good, but I will convey only such title as vested in me under said Deed of Trust.

J. D. ALEXANDER,

Trustee.

Columbus, Miss., Dec. 1, 1915. 4t.

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